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} & 1800;

With this Gent. we conclude our  
for the present year.

course of lectures. [It has been the  
most extensive in its objects I have  
ever delivered upon the ~~principles~~ <sup>n</sup> of medicine  
in this University.  
~~medicine~~ I have omitted no part  
of the subjects we shall enumerate in  
our syllabus, but the local diseases,  
and these must be obvious to you  
from the principles delivered in  
explaining the causes of general  
diseases.] —

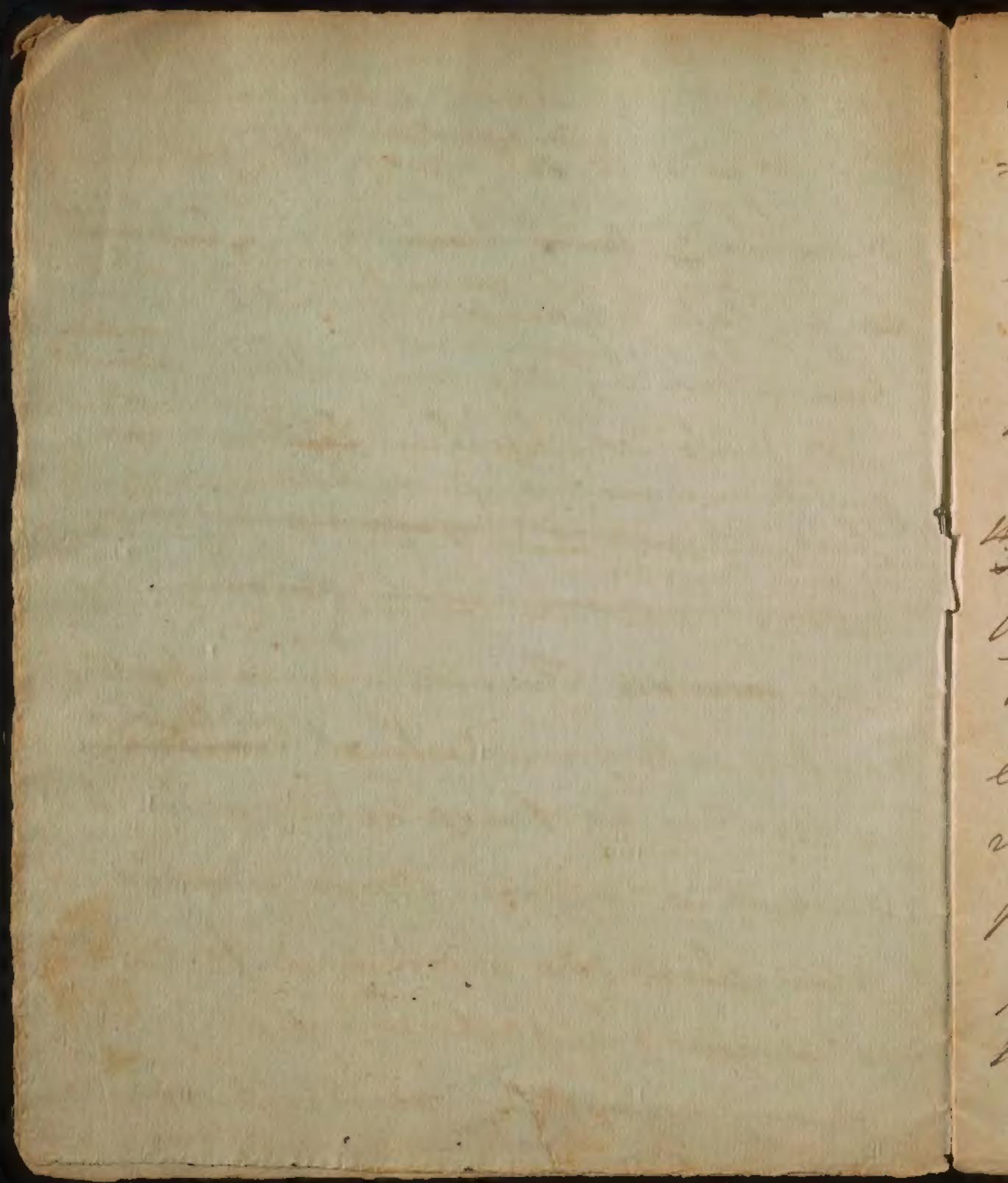
The last hour spent by a  
Professor with pupils who are to  
be separated from him, (perhaps

~~V never before this day - did I enter  
this room - but with pleasure, and~~

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for ever) is generally a solemn one - I  
but it ~~is~~ <sup>in a peculiar manner</sup> to be so <sup>upon</sup> upon the present  
occasion <sup>have I not</sup> ~~for I have~~ never ~~written~~  
to a Clap who have merited more  
from me by the regularity, <sup>affection</sup> and  
and propriety of their conduct ~~than~~  
~~you have done - since the commencement~~  
~~of our course.~~ —  
~~instructions given in this~~ —

Indeed Permit me to employ  
the few moments which ~~remain~~ <sup>still bind</sup> us  
together as Preceptor & Pupils, by  
suggesting to you the following short  
articles of advice. They will be the  
strongest proofs I can give you in  
of my regard for your future interests



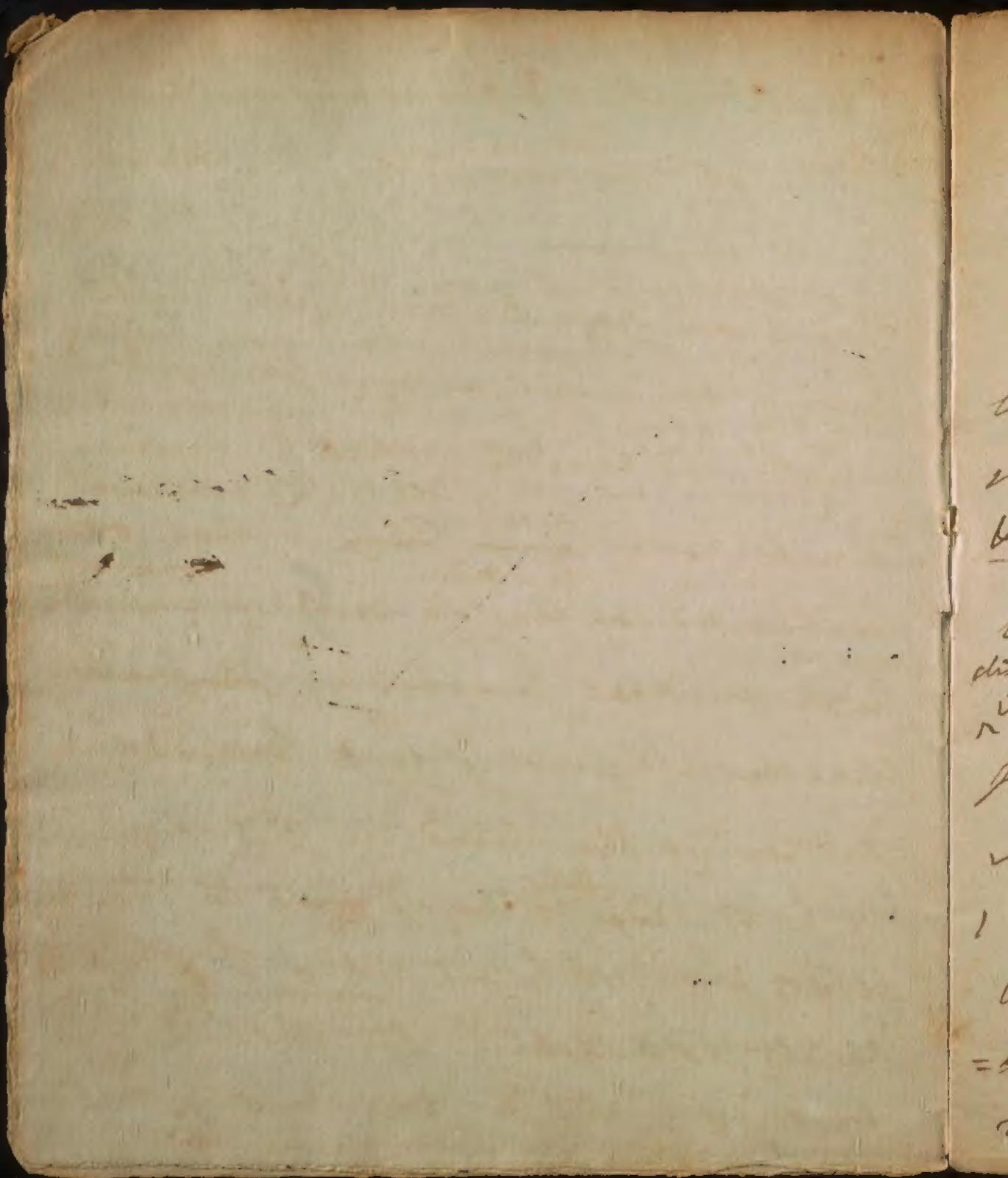
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last &  
Happiness in this our pasting inc-  
-tended —

I let me advise you by no means  
to suppose that you have finished  
the study of <sup>goldmine,</sup> ~~Logic~~, when you leave  
the University, & enter upon Practice.

— However useful Observation may be,  
~~they~~ <sup>themselves</sup> will not of ~~itself~~ make a Physician.  
Reading must be connected with it.

Appropriate therefore your first  
earnings to purchasing Books. Let  
no day pass without applying some  
part of it to Study. Open a common  
place book as soon as possible for  
the recording of facts, <sup>& Epidemics</sup>, and of such ideas  
as or reflections as occur to you



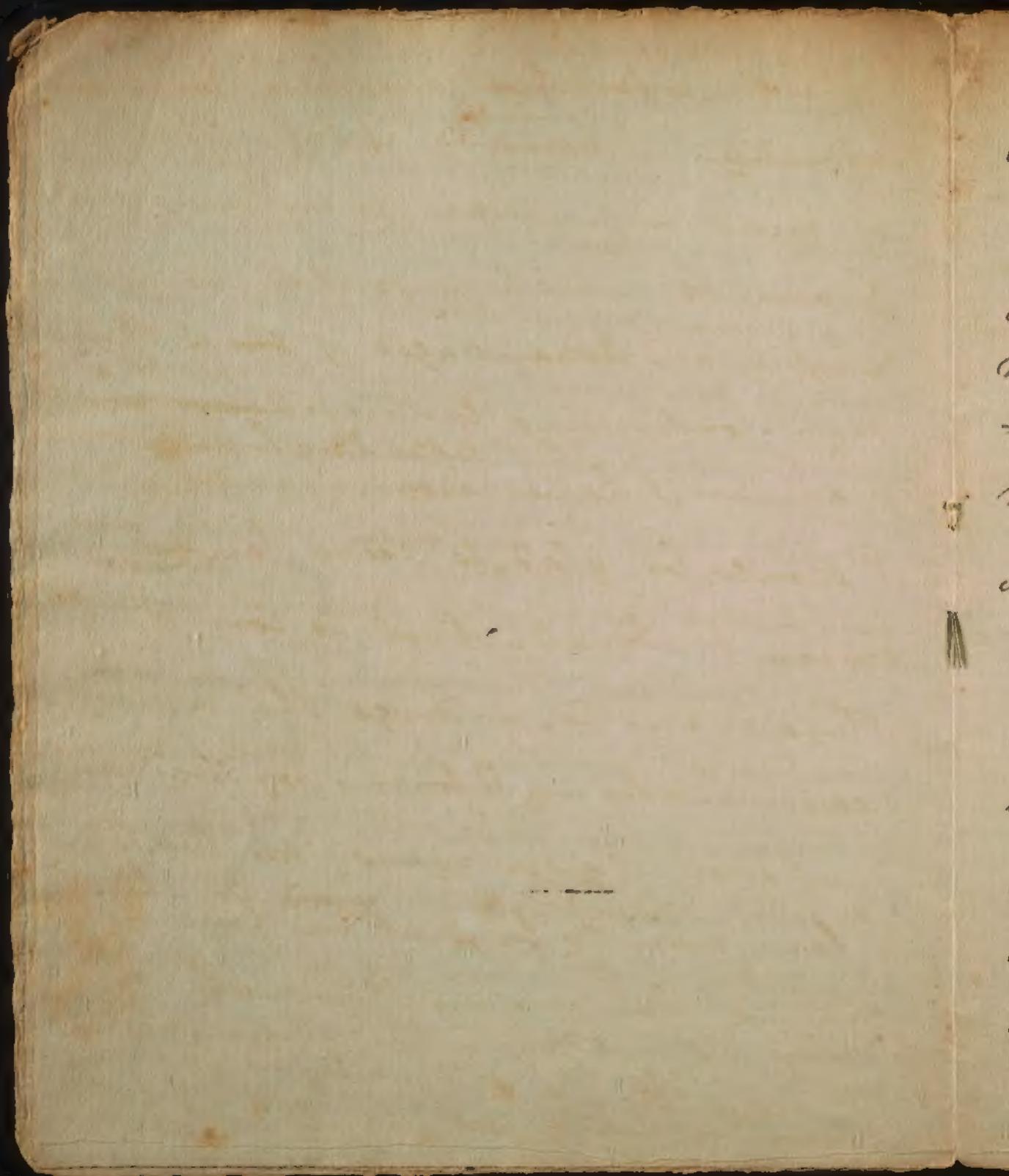
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from reading & observation. You  
cannot conceive how much you  
will improve by this practice.

~~The man says Dr Clark who will  
become eminent in any profession  
must "read much - think much  
& write much" — All these 3 exercises  
in order to produce <sup>an</sup> ~~perfection~~  
be blended together to produce <sup>an</sup> ~~perfection~~  
distinction in a medical character.] Hence~~

Practice of recording facts operates in  
improving the mind in 3 ways.

1 it <sup>close</sup> ~~produces~~, attention ~~and~~ to the  
Objects, & events before us - 2<sup>ly</sup> it ex-  
-ercises & strengthens the memory in  
recollecting them, and lastly it



facility<sup>5</sup>

creates a facility <sup>&</sup> correctness, taste and  
a facility in <sup>composition</sup> ~~writing~~, all of which are  
of great importance to a Physician.

I am so much impressed with the  
necessity and advantages of the a Physi-  
-cian continuing to study <sup>in this</sup> ~~After he~~  
manner I have recommended, that

I should be glad to see a law of in  
every medical school to compel  
Physicians to undergo the usual  
examinations & forms for graduating  
Once every two years. so were such  
a law now to be put in force. I am  
satisfied that many Physicians who  
were judged to be qualified for a  
~~first~~ <sup>second</sup> degree, at would be <sup>reputed</sup> rejected

It is said that the discovery of the circulation of the blood by Dr Harvey was not rec'd by any of his cotemporary Physicians who were above 60 years of age. This probably arose from the ~~specification of types of~~ contracted by ~~types originated by~~ this minds ~~of such~~  
the neglect of reading, for <sup>Reading</sup> ~~this~~ by creating a habit of seeing & believing in ~~new~~ things, <sup>lays up such a deposit in</sup> prepares the mind ~~for~~ <sup>as to</sup> prepare and enable it to admitting new truths upon all subjects.

It is not sufficient genl: to read the same books, but one in your lives. Too such as ~~the~~ practical should be read every four or five years. Many

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After an  
intended examination for a second  
degree. The present fluctuating & of  
the improving state of medicine renders  
reading & study <sup>for a Physician</sup> more proper at this time,  
than ever it was before, at any age  
of the world. —

Be let me advise you rigidly to adhere  
to your principles in medicine, and  
by no means to sacrifice them to the  
prejudices of your patients or <sup>or</sup> your  
brethren in <sup>consultations</sup> medicine. — In this way  
Dr Lydenham committed in the close  
of his life, the violence he had done  
to the dictates of his conscience, by con-  
senting to the use of Remedies imposed  
upon him in consultations, which

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Things will strike you upon ~~second~~<sup>every thing</sup> practical authors  
in reading of ~~these books~~<sup>which escaped</sup> notice  
you, in the infant or contracted state  
of your knowledge. I once thought that  
~~I was master~~ The most useful of these  
practical <sup>cullen - vanrieken</sup> Authors are, Hydron, - Clapham, Hillary,  
Clark - Lind, - Moseley, Rivinus - and above  
all the immortal Sydenham. The medical  
Essays & Observations pub.  
lished by the different Societies in London  
<sup>& the United States</sup>  
Hodgkin: and the Rev'd Duncan's excellent  
medical  
Commentaries, lately reprinted by Mr  
Dobson should form a part of every  
practical medical library. Most  
of these books are to be had in this

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were contrary to his judgment. Try  
first to persuade your brethren by  
gentleness, and reasonings to adopt  
your opinions & practice. If pos-  
sible they refuse to be won by the  
former; or convinced by the latter,  
mode of treating them; peaceably  
<sup>yourselves</sup> separate from them. In this way  
you will improve yourself. By  
adopting this conduct first. I have  
done ~~so~~ <sup>more</sup> good, & improved  
myself more in my profession in <sup>the</sup>  
7 years than I did in ~~any~~ previous  
20 ~~ten~~ years of my life. But I have  
done more, - I have made known  
to our citizens that <sup>there</sup> is a differen-

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city, I hope none of you will leave  
it with a design to begin practice,  
without carrying them with ~~you~~. Books  
of Speculations in medicine may be  
purchased with the increasing resour-  
ces of your industry ~~nowadays~~ ~~at a future day~~.

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[2] In your researches in medicine, do not ~~do~~  
~~any one of the usual sources of know-~~  
rely exclusively upon ~~Observation, Experiment,~~  
very Observation - experiment or Reasoning.

They are all subject to failing when depended  
upon ~~in other separate states~~. The Senses are not more  
dependant on each Other, and Reason <sup>is</sup> not  
more dependant upon the Senses, and the Senses  
upon Reason, than Observation & Experiment;  
and reasoning are dependant upon each other.

Your Union is <sup>in</sup> ~~These are~~ ~~undoubtedly necessary~~ ~~to~~  
~~our success above all others,~~  
~~concluded and perfect with others, & every~~  
attempt to separate them <sup>for medicine</sup> is an act of

among our Physicians  
of Opinion and Practice in Medicine.

This has led them to inquire into  
what the difference consists - and  
to attend to the different issue of our  
Remedies. The consequence <sup>of this inquiry & attention</sup> has been  
many ~~as~~ decision in most cases in favor  
of those Remedies. Hence the Physicians  
who opposed to the new practice have  
been compelled ~~by this~~ to adopt it.  
~~This~~ In vain have they attempted to  
elude the charge of being <sup>follownes</sup> imitators of  
this new practice by varying the forms  
in which they administer, or apply  
the new remedies. In spite of all  
they can do, ~~this~~ in many cases  
they have become the Apothecaries of

